

difficult to reach. In my estimation the best course of action on this bill, and what I am going to recommend to Senator Hall and to the members of this Legislature is, number one, that we do adopt the Hall amendment. The current structure of the bill is unenforceable we found with the counselor bill. And Senator Scofield can talk to that, if you'd like. Number two, I don't know if we want to advance the bill in a certain stage or not, but I am willing to discuss with Senator Hall and the other proponents to suggest that the best course of action on this issue is to provide for the credentialing, the certification of nutritionists and dietitians. If they want to distinguish those with qualifications and education from those that don't, that can be done by credentialing. You don't stop the nutritionists out there from giving the advice, you continue that activity. But you do distinguish, for the general public, who's got the education, who's got the qualifications, and for those that want to have that they will be able to identify it. I propose to Senator Hall and to those supporting this bill that the best course of action isn't to license this bill. This bill, as amended by Senator Hall, would license these people with some exemptions. That's wrong. I think you don't want to license because that implies that you are excluding others and you don't...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I don't think you want to take that step. But certifying these people as we're going to certify counselors and have certified them, help the public distinguish between those that have qualifications and those that don't. So that is my bottom line, that is what I think would work best on this bill and work best for the people of this state. It isn't what the dietitians want, and I don't know that it would be unsatisfactory to the nutritionists. But, nevertheless, in my estimation it is the best public policy course we can take. So that is my offer. If Senator Hall would want to work on that direction, then I'm willing to help advance the bill and work on an amendment to that effect. If, however, Senator Hall wishes to pursue the licensure aspect, then I say forget it, I'm not going to vote for the bill and I won't vote to advance it, I'll even put up a kill motion on it because I don't think we want to pursue the issue and have you all harassed any further by both sides on the issue. So, in my estimation, the credential certification is the way to go. I'm willing to work toward that. If not, then I say the bill isn't necessary and we can